(c) Indirect tax collections have already exceeded the revised taigets. As regards direct taxes, keeping in view the trend of collection by realising the challans submitted during the year, the targets for direct taxes are also likely to be achieved.

(d) All administrative and legislative steps including intensive monitoring of advance taxes, payment of regular/arrear demands, rationalisation of tax rates and simplification df procedures, are being taken to improve the collection of taxes. Anti-evasion measures such as effective gathering of intelligence and conducting surprise checks, are also been taken.

Increase in Drug Trafficking

2662. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug trafficking is increasing at an alarming pace;

(b) whether it is also a fact that huge quantity of drugs has been seized from highly placed sources;

(c) if so, what is the total quantity of drug seized so far this year; and

(d) what steps are being proposed to be taken to control this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) As per available information/reports, there does not appear any major shift in trends and patterns which may indicate that drug trafficking is increasing at an alarming rate. Cases of drug smuggling have been detected including from affluent persons, as per reports from various Central and State Drug Law Enforcement agencies in the country.

(c) Details of various drugs seized as per reports received from various Central and State Drug Law Enforcement Agencies in the country during this year as on 31-03-2000 are as under:

SI. No.	Drugs	Quantity Seized (in Kgs.)
1.	Opium	71
2.	Heroin	200
3.	Ganja	4638
4.	Hashish	277

(d) Government of India had already taken a number of significant steps to prevent drug trafficking. These include instructions to all drugs law enforcement agencies to maintain utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts,

training to officers, fencing of Indo-Pak border, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act, quarterly coordination meetings held at NCB, New Delhi, holding of quarterly border meetings of Indian and Pakistani anti-narcotics agencies as apart of the border meetings of BSF and Pak-rangers, holding of operational level meetings with Myanmar officials. All the arrested persons are liable to be prosecuted and punished under the stringent law of NDPS Act, 1985.

Treasury in newly opened sub-divisions in Tripura

2663. SHRI JCHAGEN DAS: Will .the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sub-divisions where Treasury is functioning in Tripura;

(b) whether Government have received any communication from the State Government for opening of Treasury in newly opened subdivisions; and

(c) Whether Government have any timeframe within which treasury function is likely to be started in the newly opened sub-divisions of Tripura ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) There are 4 Districts and 15 sub-divisions against which there are 5 Treasuries and 8 sub-treasuries in Tripura. All the sub-divisions, except the three newly created sub-divisions of Bishalgarh, Gandacherra and Long Terai Valley, are either covered by treasury or sub-treasury. Bishalgarh sub-division remains imder Agartala Treasury-I and the other two sub-divisions of Gandacherra and Long Terai Valley remain under the Dhalai Treasury.

(b) No proposal for opening of sub-treasiuies at the three newly created sub-divisions at Bishalgarh, Gandacherra and Long Terai Valley has been sent to Accoimtant General, Tripura or the Central Government.

(c) State Government have stated that no time frame has been spelt out for opening of such sub-treasuries in the newly created sub-divisions.

Computerisation of Bank Branches in NE States

2664. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number bank branches in the NE States which are fully and of those partly computerised, separately;